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Worksheet No. 6	TOPIC: THE LOST CHILD ANSWER KEY	Note: To be done in the notebook

The Lost Child By Mulk Raj Anand



I. Answer these questions in brief.

1. Describe the village scene when people were heading towards the fair.

Ans. It was springtime. A number of men, women and children were going to the fair. They were dressed in colourful clothes. Some of them were on foot, some rode on horses, while others went in bullock carts. There were many shops on the way. People were in a joyful mood.

2. What attracted the child on the footpath?

Ans: The little insects and worms teeming out from their hiding places onto the footpath to enjoy the sunshine attracted the child.

3. How did the mother distract the child's mind from the toy seller?

Ans: The mother distracted the child by pointing out the vast mustard-fields pale like melting gold.

4. How was the child separated from his parents?

Ans: The boy was enraptured by everything he saw on the way to the fair. He was attracted to sweets, balloons, toys, mustard fields, and dragonflies. As soon as he saw a roundabout, he wanted to have a ride on it and asked for it from his parents and then only he came to know that his parents were nowhere and he had lost them in the fair.

5. Why did the child lose interest in the things he wanted earlier?

Ans: The child lost interest in everything because he was separated from his parents.

6. Who rescued the lost child? What did he offer to buy him?

Ans: A man going to the temple rescued the child. He offered to buy balloons, garlands and sweets to the child but he kept crying for his mother and father.

7. Write a short note on the various things to be found at the fair.

Ans: The fair was full of attractive objects. There were toys, sweets, balloons, flowers and garlands, snake charmers and swings.

II. Answer the following questions with reference to context:

1. His father looked at him red-eyed, in his familiar tyrant's way. His mother, melted by the free spirit of the day was tender and, giving him her finger to hold, said, "Look, child, what is before you!"



a) When did the father look red-eyed at the child?

Ans: The father looked red-eyed at the child when he pleaded for toys that were in the shops lined the way to the fair.

b) Who is a tyrant? Was the father actually a tyrant?

Ans: A tyrant is a cruel man who always keeps his self-interest supreme.

The father was not a tyrant in this sense of the term. He was simply a strict disciplinarian as a parent.

c) Why did the mother ask the child to look before him?

Ans: The mother asked the child to look before him because she wanted to divert his attention from the toys in the shops without upsetting him after his father's stern refusal.

2. The poor child struggled to thrust away between their feet but, knocked to and fro by their brutal movements, he might have been trampled underfoot, had he not shrieked at the highest pitch of his voice.

a) Where was the child at this time? Why?

Ans: The child was amid a crowd of people in the shrine because he had got separated from his parents and was desperately looking for them.

b) What was he trying to do?

Ans: He was trying to make his way through the feet of the crowd in order to find his parents.

c) Why could the child have got trampled?

Ans: The child could have got trampled because the shrine was crowded and he was so small that people did not realise his presence around their feet.

3. "Will you have a ride on the horse?" he gently asked as he approached the ring. The child's throat tore into a thousand shrill sobs and he only shouted, "I want my mother, I want my father!"

a) Who is 'he' in the first line of the extract? Whom is 'he' offering a ride on the horse?

Ans: 'He' is the kind man who rescues the child from getting trampled in the shrine. He asks the lost child for a ride on the horse.

b) Why does 'he' ask for a ride?

Ans: The kind man asks for a ride because the child was crying inconsolably for his parents and he wanted to quieten the child by diverting his attention.

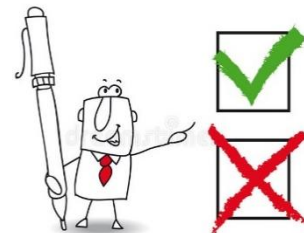
c) Why did the child shout, "I want my mother, I want my father!"?

Ans: The child shouted for his father and mother because he felt insecure in their absence. They were more important to him than toys, sweets, garlands or ride on a roundabout.



III. Mark these sentences as True (T) or False (F)

1. The people were going to an exhibition. **False**
2. Everyone was gaily dressed. **True**
3. The little child was going with his friends. **False**
4. The little child was lost in the crowd. **True**
5. Someone handed him over to his parents. **False**



IV. Criss Cross Puzzle

ACROSS

1. crowd
3. a small group of trees
5. circling
7. unhappy

10. to step your feet forcefully on something

DOWN

2. gradually diminishing

4. repeated

6. to push against somebody in a crowded place

8. a holy place

9. showy

Use the clues to fill in the words above.

Words can go across or down.

Letters are shared when the words intersect.

